



“Warsaw Rising 1944” exhibition

A joint project of the Warsaw Rising Museum (Warsaw)
and the Friedrich Ebert Memorial (Heidelberg)

“Warsaw Rising 1944” exhibition has been hosted by Friedrich Ebert Memorial since 3rd of November, 2016. The project received the honorary patronage of the presidents of the Republic of Poland and Federal Republic of Germany – Andrzej Duda and Joachim Gauck.

The exhibition presentation is a continuation of project initiated in 2014, launched at the occasion of the 70th anniversary of the Warsaw Rising. In 2014, during the first 3 months 280 000 people have seen the exhibition in its venue - the Topography of Terror Foundation in Berlin. In 2015 at the Munich Documentation Centre for the History of National Socialism here it was visited by over 35 000 people.

*I do hope that the exhibition in Heidelberg, the birthplace of the first president of the Weimar Republic Friedrich Ebert, will arouse great interest, especially among students. I wish that it is the young people who want to take the chance to explore the small part of our common Polish-German history - said **Jan Ołdakowski, Director of the Museum of the Warsaw Rising.***

This exhibition prepared by the Warsaw Rising Museum shows the history of Warsaw from 1918 – the time when Warsaw was a vibrant city, the development of which was interrupted by the Second World War. Special attention is drawn to the phenomenon of the 63 days of fighting during the Warsaw Rising – and the price, which Warsaw and Poland paid for its love of freedom. Our story ends with the city reborn after years of totalitarian enslavement

– we show a dynamically developing city, which escaped its sentence and became a leader in this part of Europe.

This exhibition is addressed mostly to the young generation. Displayed coloured archival photographs from insurgent newsreels, textual information and facsimiles of documents are accompanied by sound effects, interactive elements and multimedia. There is also an interactive Internet page accessible from mobile devices. A bilingual catalogue (German-English) is distributed in the Friedrich Ebert Memorial.

(...) we would like to show the phenomenon of the 63 days of fighting for freedom and sovereignty of Poland. Our aim is to heighten historical awareness of visitors from around the world and deepen the knowledge of the course of WWII, which often remains fragmentary – said Jan Ołdakowski, director of the Warsaw Rising Museum.

This Polish-German project, presented in one of the most important German places of remembrance is very significant in contemporary relations between our countries.

Responsible for the content of the exhibition is the **Warsaw Rising Museum**. The exhibition is hosted by **the Friedrich Ebert Memorial** which also developed the accompanying program.

Friedrich Ebert Foundation in Heidelberg will host the exhibition "Warsaw Uprising 1944" until 2 April 2017.

Entry free of charge.

This exhibition in Friedrich Ebert Memorial will be accompanied by a number of events: meetings with eye witnesses and conference.

For more details please check:

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